

## EZEKIEL 11:1-25 – “JUDGMENT ON WICKED COUNSELORS—A LITTLE SANCTUARY -- GOD WILL RESTORE ISRAEL”

### OBSERVATION

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#### THE PROPHECY AGAINST 25 MEN:

*Eze 11:1 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of the LORD's house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.*

*Eze 11:2 And He said to me: "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city,*

*Eze 11:3 who say, 'The time is not near to build houses; this city is the caldron, and we are the meat.'*

*Eze 11:4 Therefore prophecy against them, prophecy, O son of man!"*

*Eze 11:5 Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, "Speak! 'Thus says the LORD: "Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind.*

*Eze 11:6 You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain."*

*Eze 11:7 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this city is the caldron; but I shall bring you out of the midst of it.*

*Eze 11:8 You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you," says the Lord GOD.*

*Eze 11:9 "And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you.*

*Eze 11:10 You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.*

*Eze 11:11 This city shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel.*

*Eze 11:12 And you shall know that I am the LORD; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the Gentiles which are all around you."*

#### THE PROTECTION OF A REMNANT:

*Eze 11:13 Now it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?"*

### INTERPRETATION

1 East Gate - The gate of the temple court. The gate was the place of judgment.

Twenty-five men - Not the same men as in Eze. 8:16. There they were representatives of the “priests,” here of the “princes.” The number is, no doubt, symbolic, made up, probably, of 24 men and the king. The number 24 points to the tribes of undivided Israel. Jaazaniah ... Pelatiah - We know nothing more of these men.

2 In other words, these rulers were saying, "This city is ours now. Most everybody has left, and we are going to continue. We're going to have peace and plenty and prosperity." Theirs was materialism of the worst sort. They devise mischief and wicked counsel. (Jer. 37:17)

3 The threatened danger and ruin by the Chaldeans. The caldron - This is an impious scoff, yet mixed with some fear of the prophet, Jer. 1:13. They deny the prophecy of coming judgment will happen.

4 prophecy — The repetition marks emphatic earnestness. The Spirit of God fell on Ezekiel.

5 What the leaders said were known by God. He knows even what we are thinking. He knows our thoughts afar off.

6 Apparently the rulers have slain those who stood for God. The slain in the streets was their proof.

7 Your slain - they are the flesh - Jerusalem is the caldron, and those who have been slain in it, they are the flesh; and though ye purpose to stay and share its fate, ye shall not be permitted to do so, ye shall be carried into captivity.

8 The sword came from the Lord. - Of the Chaldeans; and therefore they sent to the Egyptians for help. “and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord God”; or those that kill with the sword, meaning the Chaldeans, who were sent by the Lord, and, when they took the city, put many to death by the sword, and carried captive others.

9 And I will bring you out of the midst of it, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. That is, of the Chaldeans.

10-11 You shall fall by the sword; I will judge you at the border of Israel; and you shall know that I am the LORD. (2Ki 23:33; 25:6; Jer. 39:6). Though Riblah was in Syria, yet it was on the very frontiers of Israel; and it was here that Zedekiah's sons were slain, and his own eyes put out. The city will not protect them.

12 The consequence was greatly needed! For we have not walked,, *Eze 11:21, Eze 20:16, Eze 20:21, Eze 20:24; But - their cause was their own disobedience and compromise: Eze 8:10, Eze 8:14, Eze 8:16, Eze 16:44-47;*

13 Pelatiah - Mentioned Eze 11:1, a principal man among the twenty - five princes, who made all the mischief in Jerusalem. It should seem this was done in vision now, (as the slaying of the ancient men, Eze 9:6,) but it was an assurance, that when this prophecy was published, it would be done in fact. And the death of Pelatiah was indeed an earnest of the complete accomplishment of the prophecy. A full end - By slaying all, as this man is cut off. Here is a supplication by Ezekiel.

### APPLICATION

The Messiah will come through the East Gate. The glory of the Lord has left the temple and is sitting on the East Gate. Now we see that the glory will depart from the East Gate and go to the mountain on the east side of the side – “the Mount of Olives”.  
Think of how our political leaders devise mischief and wicked counsel.  
Our leaders want to deny the coming judgment of God too!  
How willing are you to stand true to the Lord, even though it against what is politically correct?

The Lord's will be done! “you shall know that I am the LORD”

Note Ezekiel's prayer for the remnant of Israel.  
Are we praying for our nation's remnant?

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*Eze 11:14 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 11:15 "Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, are those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Get far away from the LORD; this land has been given to us as a possession.'*

*Eze 11:16 Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone."'*

*Eze 11:17 Therefore say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."'*

*Eze 11:18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there.*

*Eze 11:19 Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,*

*Eze 11:20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.*

*Eze 11:21 But as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.*

**THE PLACING OF GOD'S GLORY ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES:**

*Eze 11:22 So the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high above them.*

*Eze 11:23 And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.*

**THE SPEAKING OF THE VISION TO THE CAPTIVES:**

*Eze 11:24 Then the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to those in captivity. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.*

*Eze 11:25 So I spoke to those in captivity of all the things the LORD had shown me. me."*

### INTERPRETATION

14 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,.... In answer to his prayer, this was by way of comfort to the captives in Babylon, as the former was by way of threatening to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

15 Son of man, your brethren, the men of your kindred, and all the house of Israel totally, are they to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get away far from the LORD: this land is given to us as a possession. They that remained at Jerusalem thus reproached them that were gone into captivity as though they were cast off and forsaken by God. **The support they needed was not given.**

16 Therefore say, Thus says the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the countries, **(this scattering would come from the Lord Himself)** yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. **Their sanctuary would be the Lord Himself!** Showing that the Lord will ever have some to call on his Name, whom he will preserve and restore, though they are for a time afflicted.

17 The Babylonians, Medes, and Persians, where they had been carried captive: that is, out of Chaldea and Media, out of which they should come in a body, not only the Jews of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin, but many of the ten tribes came out of Babylon with Zerubbabel, and settled in the land of Israel; and hither they came also in later times, even those that settled in other countries; at their several festivals, and about such time more especially that the Messiah was expected, and continued there; and this will have a fuller completion at the restoration of the Jews in the latter days. **The security of God's promises would never change! There is the promise of His return and that He will restore the land. (Gen.12:1-3; 15:13-21; Deut. 30:1-6; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Jer. 31:31-34)**

18 They who assemble upon Cyrus's proclamation first, and then upon Darius's proclamation, shall overcome all difficulties, dispatch the journey, and come safely to their own land. Take away - They shall abolish superstition and idolatry from the temple. His promise of removal.

19 One heart - Cyrus shall give them leave, and I will give them a heart (regeneration) to return; and on their way shall there be great utility; and, when come to Jerusalem, they shall own me, and my laws, and with one consent, build Jerusalem and the temple, and restore true religion. The stony - That hard, inflexible, undutiful, incorrigible disposition. **(Jer. 31:31-36; Ez 36:36-37; Joel 2:28-29)**

20 The holiness of their lives shall prove the work of God upon their hearts. Then it shall appear that I am their God, because I have done such things in them and for them; and their holy conduct shall show that they are my people. His promise of a relationship with them!

21 As with Pelatiah, those whose affections are attached to idolatry, shall have such reward as their idols can give them, and such a recompense as Divine justice shall award them. Note the seriousness of His judgment!

22 Here is the departure of God's presence from the city and temple – the placing of His glory on the Mount of Olives.

23 It was from the Mount of Olives that the vision went up, typifying the ascension of Christ to heaven from that very mountain – the removal of His glory to the Mount. **(Mk. 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11)**

24-25 Though the Lord will not forsake his people, yet he may be driven away from any part of his visible church by their sins, and woe will be upon them when He withdraws his presence, glory, and protection. We see the role of the Holy Spirit and the responsibility of Ezekiel. **(Rev. 1:10)**

### APPLICATION

Isn't this exactly what is being said now? 'Get far away from the LORD; this land has been given to us as a possession.'

**Is He your “little sanctuary?” The Lord Himself is your sanctuary!**

**Promise of Return (17a)!**  
**Promise of Restoration (17b)!**  
**“I will give you the land of Israel.” - Here indeed is a real response to the accuracy of Replacement Theology! 181 countries out of 190 now have Jews living in them!**

**Promise of Removal (18)**

**Promise of Regeneration- being Born Again (19)!**

**Promise of Relationship (20)!**

**We see here the seriousness of God's judgment!**

**Note the relationship of the cherubim to God's glory- the glory was high above them! We see the glory being removed from the temple to the mountain!**

**We see the role of the Holy Spirit!**

**Note the responsibility of Ezekiel! – “So I spoke to those in captivity of *all* the things!”**